

I claim:

1. A grip for attachment to a shaft having a free end, said grip comprising an elongated body formed of resilient synthetic resin material, said body having a length of from about 4-14 inches, a small diameter outboard end, a generally axial bore extending from said inboard end to a point proximal said outboard end for receiving said shaft with said free end thereof adjacent said joint, an outer gripping surface between said inboard and outboard ends, an inner shaft-engaging surface and a body thickness between said outer and inner surfaces, said outer and inner surfaces, said outer surface presenting a reverse taper surface section between said outboard and inboard ends with said body thickness increasing along the length of said section from a smaller thickness nearer said outboard end to a greater thickness nearer said inboard end, the ratio of said greater thickness to said smaller thickness being from about 1.12. to 1.7.

2. The grip of claim 1, said ratio being from about 1.20-1.60.

3. The grip of claim 2, said ratio being from about 1.3-1.5.

4. The grip of claim 1, said synthetic resin being polyurethane foam.

5. The grip of claim 1, said synthetic resin material having a density of from about 2/8-34 lbs/ft.<sup>3</sup>.

6. The grip of claim 1, said synthetic resin material having an Indentation Force Deflection from about 30-85 lbs.

7. The grip of claim 1, said grip presenting an elongated region of substantially constant thickness extending from said greater thickness end of said section towards said inboard end.

8. The grip of claim 7, said region having a length of from about 1-4 inches.

9. The grip of claim 8, said ratio being from about 4-7.

10. The grip of claim 7, said region having a length of from about 1-4 inches.

5 11. The grip of claim 1, the end of said bore at said point having a greater diameter than the diameter of the bore at said inboard end.

12. A golf club comprising:  
a club head and an elongated shaft secured to and extending from said bed, said shaft  
10 presenting a free end remote from said head;  
a grip as set forth in claim 1 is installed on said shaft.

13. The golf club of claim 12, said ratio being from about 1.20-1.60.

15 14. The golf club of claim 13, said ratio being from about 1.3-1.5.

15. The golf club of claim 12, said synthetic resin being polyurethane foam.

20 16. The golf club of claim 12, said synthetic resin material having a density of from about 2/8-34 lbs/ft.<sup>3</sup>.

17. The golf club of claim 12, said synthetic resin material having an Indentation Force Deflection from about 30-85 lbs.

25 18. The golf club of claim 12, said golf club presenting an elongated region of substantially constant thickness extending from said greater thickness end of said section towards said inboard end.

30 19. The golf club of claim 18, said region having a length of from about 1-4 inches.

20. The golf club of claim 19, said ratio being from about 4-7.

21. The golf club of claim 18, said region having a length of from about 1-4 inches.

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22. The golf club of claim 12, the end of said bore at said point having a greater diameter than the diameter of the bore at said inboard end.